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1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL REPORT ON SUMITRO CONVERSATION AND HAVE NOTED WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST YOUR COMMENT ON INDONESIAN SENSITIVITY CONCERNING AN IMPARTIAL POSTURE IN THE ICCS.

2. BELIEVE YOU HAVE APTLY DESCRIBED OUR VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH. IF YOU BELIEVE IT USEFUL YOU MAY EMPHASIZE THAT OUR POLICY EMPHATICALLY DOES NOT ENVISAGE AN EVENTUAL NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIET-NAM. TO THE CONTRARY,

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WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN TO ENSURE A STRONG, VIABLE SVN,

WHILE SEEKING, IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, TO PERSUADE THE DRV TO END ITS ARMED AGGRESSION. IN THE WAKE OF THE JUNE 13 JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WE HARBOR THE HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT OUR EFFORTS WILL MEET WITH SUCCESS AND THAT A REASONABLE POLITICAL SOLUTION TO SOUTH VIET-NAM'S PROBLEMS, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN URGING, CAN EVENTUALLY BE FOUND. OBVIOUSLY, THE REUNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM AT SOME TIME IN THE MORE DISTANT FUTURE IS A POSSIBLE OUTCOME. IF THIS IS THE DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE OF SVN, WE HAVE PLEDGED NOT TO INTERFERE. HOWEVER, ANTICIPATING DRV HEGEMONY OVER BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH DEFINITELY IS NOT PART OF OUR OUTLOOK.

3. WITH REGARD TO RUMORS WHICH SUMITRO HAS HEARD ABOUT POSSIBLE POLISH WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ICCS, YOU MIGHT WISH TO INFORM HIM OF OUR VIEW (WHICH WE HAVE ALSO PASSED TO THE POLES) THAT A FOUR-PARTY ICCS WOULD MORE EFFECTIVELY ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JANUARY ACCORDS THAN WOULD A TWO-PARTY COMMISSION. THE U.S. IS, AS SUMITRO IS AWARE, CONTINUING TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA ON THE ICCS. MEANWHILE, WE, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO PLACE GREAT VALUE ON INDONESIA'S COMMITMENT TO THE ATTAINMENT OF PEACE IN INDOCHINA IN WHAT WE KNOW TO BE DIFFICULT AND VEXING CIRCUMSTANCES. ROGERS

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